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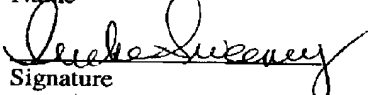
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Application No. : 10/089,331  
Applicant(s) : GRUENBACHER, ET AL.  
Filed : March 27, 2002  
Title : Applicator for Distributing a Substance onto a Target Surface  
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**REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action of June 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

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